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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1 as follows:

Figure 3 is a detailed block diagram of the sending time calculating unit 2 in Fig. 1. As shown in Fig. 3, the sending time calculating unit 2 includes a memory 21 for storing parameter information for each control unit and a sending time operating circuit 22 for operating the sending time sT based on these parameters. In this case, as the parameter information for each control unit, there are two main parameters information, i.e., the information obtained from the arrived packets and the information sequentially calculated by the sending time calculating unit 2. ~~As the former, there are~~ The information obtained from arrived packets includes a sending rate R (byte/sec) indicating the limited flow for each control unit and a token bucket size B (byte). ~~As the latter, there are~~ The information sequentially counted by the sending time calculating unit 2 includes a pre-packet sending time pT (sec) and a token bucket counter value pC (byte) at the sending of the pre-packet. These parameters are stored in the memory 21.